

## Mos Def "Crime & Medicine"

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*[Talking]*

It was so beautiful. It was almost unfair.  
It's cold but it's true. It was so cold it got warm.  
Kids out in the schoolyard and playing.  
It was nice and calm. It was dangerous.

When the MC's came, live out the name  
And to perform  
Some had to snort cocaine to act insane  
Before they rocked the don  
Now on to the mental pains, spark the brains  
Building to be born  
?? is on the track  
Check em check chicka icka etta UHH

Strange Times  
Everybody got their get high (Oh my)  
Their get right, their get nice, they get by (Oh my)  
They get open, get ready, get primed  
The national pastime is victimless crime  
You want your thrill and I want mine  
As long we can get it we ain't got to say why  
I don't mean to pry, you ain't got to lie  
We ain't got to speak when it's written in the eyes  
Whenever she was high off the sparkle in her palm  
She had a young girl's smile and a hustler's charm  
Dying from the city where the hustler's are born  
Made, traced, murdered, replaced  
Life-long residents barely feel safe  
And the street's offer plenty taste and little faith (Break  
it down)  
Little face, soft lips, little waist (Break it more)

Tiny hands (Oh god) fat ass (Oh more)  
Big eyes like birthday surprise  
Super dupa fly, born in 85  
Repeat it to yourself: This is a victimless crime  
Psyche your mind there's a victim every time  
Your tasty little pill, your freaky little thrill  
Pray won't leave you still, you wonder how it feel  
It's real, pussy like some money that you steal  
Eww

When the MC came, fill out the name  
And to perform  
Some had to snort cocaine to act insane  
Before they rocked the don  
Now on to the mental pains, spark the brains  
Building to be born  
Give the people a new drug

Crime and medicine  
Dead wrong and live in America  
Off the block and right in your area  
Fresh apples and peaches for the president  
HA HA  
Crime and medicine  
Dead wrong and live in your area  
From the street corner, right in your residence  
Fresh apples and peaches for the president  
Crime  
Fresh peaches and apples for the president  
Crime  
Fresh chocolates and apples for the president  
Crime  
Fresh linens and apples to the president  
Crime  
Fresh

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